April 23, 1992

These Second Church Clerk's records goes from January 14, 1952 to March 5, 1954.

B.P.C. (copied from book]

There are a few baptisms in here.

SECOND CHURCH
CLERK'S RECORDS
1952-1954

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1952.

Jan 14. Annual Meeting

Following a covered dish supper the business meeting was called. First order of business was the Roll Call. 35 members responded. — The Clerk's report read and accepted, also that of the Treasurer and auditor. The Parish Treasurer gave a report on the church finances. Mrs Belmont Perkins reported for the S.S. and Mrs Henry Mason for the Charitable Society. Charlotte Kelley reported for the Pilgrim Fellowship.

~~The Every Member Canvass Chairman reported.~~

The Chairman of the Every Member Canvass reported that there were 72 contributors -

Weekly Pledges $1205.40
Cash Pledges - $570 Report accepted.

Under new business it was suggested that we select our Every member Canvass Comm. 2 mon. before the canvass to make plans for same.

Voted that a Junior Choir be formed in order that there might be music a the church service every Sunday.

Motion made and seconded that the treasurer send quarterly statement to contributors in regards to their pledge, So voted.

Suggestion made that we support the work of the Young People.

Election of Officers:

Mrs Priscille Fowler instructed to cast one ballot for Evelyn Leighton as clerk — Other officers elected follow.

Treasurer - Mrs Clayton Nelson

Auditor - Mrs Sanborn Dean

Laymen to Mrs Cong. Conf. Mr Henry Mason

Delegates to Haverhill Council of Churches

Mr Eric Bergstrom

Evelyn Leighton.

Chairman of Every Member Canvass

Mr Royce Kelley.

Mrs Robert Bell elected Honorary Deaconess. —

Meeting adjourned at 9.'25 P.M.

Jan 27 - A church meeting was held to elect a delegate to the Installation of Walter Lundberg as minister of the Central Cong. Church, Newburyport Jan 31st Mrs Warren Chadwick was elected with Mrs Belmont Perkins as alternate

Feb 10. A letter of dismissal was granted Dorothy Peal to the Hancock Cong Church of Lexington.

March 2. Letter of dismissal to the Christ Presbyterian Church Lawrence was granted Barbara Hook.

March 16. Meeting held to discuss keeping the church open during Aug. No vote taken. Suggested meeting until parish meeting in April.

The Superintendent of the S S announced that a Western Buffet

April 10. ~~Good Friday~~ Holy Thursday
Holy Communion Service
held —

Apr 6, Voted to ~~[illegible]~~ that Laura Louise Parsley and Kenneth Richardson become members of the Church on Conf of Faith ~~and that~~ Mr and Mrs Thomas Lombard by letter from ~~Washington~~ 1st Cong. Church Washington D.C

April 10 Holy Communion service held.

April 13 Easter Sunday.

The Pilgrim Fellowship held a Sunrise Service at Spring Hill.

~~At~~ At the morning service Laura Louise Parsley and Kenneth Richardson were united with the church on Conf of Faith. Mr and Mrs Thomas Lombard by letter from the 1st Cong. Church of Washington D.C.

Special music numbers by the Junior Choir and Mrs. Carl Pearce. Attendance

May 18 Mr. Chas. M. Ashley and
Mrs. Bell to Bayfield
May 2[illegible] C. Newton died.

May 4. Annual Meeting of the Essex North Ass'n of Churches at the First Cong Church in Haverhill. Elizabeth Pearl - Mr + Mrs Henry Mason - attended

May 11 - Mother Sunday

Noted in church calendar that parents wishing to have their children baptized notify the pastor as a class for [illegible] is planned for May 25 or June

May 25

Union Memorial Service held at the First Church of Bradford. Mr Robert Bell delivered the sermon

May 28 - Annual Meeting of the Hav. Council of Churches held at the First Baptist Church - Evelyn Leighton and Helen Brighton

June 6 Parent's night was held by the S.S. the children showed their work of the past year and a candle light service was held.

June 6 - Children's Day

The service was conducted by the children of the Church School following as closely as possible the regular morning ~~service~~ order.

Dr Burton Holland, Dean of Yale Divinity School baptized the following children;

Jason Duane - son of Lawrence and Frances Frizzell

Timothy Lyle son of William W and Joyce Greene -

June 15 - Fathers Day - [illegible] in our Church.

June 25 - S S [illegible] held at [illegible] Lake.

July 14 - The D.V.B.S opened to be conducted through the 25th. The school was conducted by Rev [illegible]

Low Water in the Well -

July 20th Sunday Evening service held with some of the children taking part. It was well attended

July 25 - This was Demonstration Night for Parents and friends of D.V.B.S. The children presented a fine program which showed the interest in the vacation school. Plans are being made to continue the school another year.

Sept 4 - Ecclesiastical Council Committee met in special session at the First Church of Christ Bradford to act on the dismissal of Rev George Carey who had resigned from the Church. Mrs Charlotte Colby attended.

Oct 12. Mrs Elizabeth Penrick — Mrs Evelyn Leighton elected delegates to the Fall meeting of the Essex North Assn of Churches at Groveland Oct 19. Mr Harry Mason S.S. representative.

During our pastor's vacation the morning Worship was conducted by guest speakers from Yale Divinity School —

Aug 10 Dr Paul L. Jewett
Aug 17 Mr Robert Miller
Aug 24 & 31 – Prof. Glen Becker.
Sept 7.
Sept 14 – Sunday School reopened for ~~the~~ year with a large attendance – 60
Oct 5 – World Wide Communion Sunday – We note in our records that the First Cong. Church of Branford is celebrating its 250th anniversary ~~which~~ will during the week of Oct 5 – 12 –
Oct 1~~2~~ – ~~[illegible]~~ elect
Mrs Elizabeth Pee
delegates to the Fall Meeting of the New Haven Assn of Churches at Branford on Oct 19. Miss Elizabeth Paul
Mr. Evelyn Knights

Clerk –

~~Mr and Mrs Bell and Mrs Henry Mason attended -~~

Oct 19. Mr and Mrs Robert Bell Mrs Elizabeth Peat, Mrs Evelyn Griffiths and Mr and Mrs Henry Mason attended the meeting of the Essex North at Georgetown ~~at which time the~~ At this meeting reports were given by delegates attending the General Convention meeting in Claremont - California - The

Oct 26 - Mr James Carpenter a converted Franciscan Monk was our guest Preacher. He is now [illegible] representative of Christ's Mission N.Y. City.

~~[illegible]~~ - Dr spoke.

Nov 2 - At an evening service Dr H.L. Burke showed slides on Honduras and Guatemala. There

There were guests from Georgetown and Boxford - Miss Lue Blake was absent

Nov. 7. Planning Com. of Every Member Canvass met at the parsonage.

Nov. 9. The Every Member Canvass was conducted with the following solicitors assisting -

Mr and Mrs Belmont Deland
Mr and Mrs Warren Chadwick
Mr and Mrs Henry Mason
Mr Eric Bergstrom
Mr Roger Kelley
Mrs Elizabeth Peale
Mrs Sadie Martyn
Mrs Evelyn Leighton

Canvass was conducted under the all member of the Greater Haverhill Council Conduct the

Nov 9. Mr Henry Nason elected a delegate to the meeting at First Cong. Church Haverhill, the Ecclesiastical Council –

Nov 12 – Mr Albin Bergstrom attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Greater Haverhill Council of Churches, as a delegate. First meeting Jan. 14. 1953 Haverhill Union Avenue.

Nov. 9. Mr Henry Mason elected as
delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council
of the Cong. North Amer. at Ham-
~~[illegible]~~ Nov 16. Mr [illegible] Hamilton
in the absence of Pastor preached
Nov 18. The Ecclesiastical Council
met in session at the First Cong
Church in Hamilton ~~for the~~
examination and installation of
Mr Wesley V Beidel as pastor
of the First Church -
Nov 23 Union Thanksgiving Service
held with First Church of Bradford.
Dr ~~[illegible]~~ Allen ~~read the scripture~~
delivered the sermon and the
Choir of the First Church rendered
special music - Mrs Mildred
Lamp was soloist.
Nov 30. The morning service
was conducted by the Laymen
The representatives were
8.50

Dec 1 1952

The annual meeting was held in the vestry. Following a covered dish supper ~~the~~ the roll was called with 25 responding.

The Clerk's report read and accepted, also that of the treasurer and auditor.

The Parish treasurer also gave a report on finances

Other reports read and accepted were those of the Church School, Ladies Charitable Society, Pilgrim Fellowship and the Every Member Canvass Chairman

~~Tom Bell~~

New Business —

Election of Officers —

Mrs ~~Priscilla Foster instructed~~ to ~~cast 1 ballot for Evelyn Hayden~~

as ~~Clerk~~.
The following were elected:
Clerk - Mrs Charles Leighton.
Evelyn Leighton
Treasurer - Mrs Clayton Nelson
Auditor - Mrs Sherman Reed
Historian - Mrs Alice Austin
The following delegates were elected.
Ch'y Delegate - Mrs Henry Mason.
Ward Sch Supt - Mrs Henry Mason.
Delegates to Sheila Hatchell
Council of Churches —
Mrs Chester Leighton
Mrs Ernie Bergstrom
Mrs Henry Mason
Alternate + delegate
to Executive Board.
Voted that several delegates be elected to attend the Church meeting of the Essex North and other meeting requiring same.
The following were elected

Mrs Henry Mason
Mr Royce Shelley
Mrs Charles F Doley
Mrs Belmont Perkins.

Members Elected to Executive Board from Organizations:
Parish - Mr Eric Bergstrom
Pilgrim Fellowship - Miss Sara Pauley
W. of Church - Mrs Henry Cole
M. of Church - Mr Harry Cole
C. Society - Mrs Henry Mason
C. School Teachers - Mrs John R Benson
C. School - Kenneth Richardson
C. School Sup. - Mr Henry Mason

Discussion concerning the placing of a Church Board was held - Voted to leave the matter ~~to~~ to the deacons.

The Church Building Loan Fund was discussed and Mrs Henry Mason and Mrs Charles Leighton were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman to take charge of raising money for our church. (Voted to raise $900 for this year or more if possible.)

Voted that the loose coll. taken on Thanksgiving Sunday be used toward our apportionment to the Conference Center with the approval of parish.

Voted that the names of Helen Cleaver and Phyllis Carver be placed on the associate list

Voted to keep the same Prayer for Peace, but that it be placed in a different in the Order of Service -

Discussion held on the purchase of new Hymn Books - Voted that it be laid on table -

Adjourned at 9:30

Dec 7.
Mrs Charles Fowler and Mrs Robert Bell attended the service at 2nd Parish Church, West Newbury at which time Mr William David Porter was given his license to preach by the Association.
Evening Service - Mrs Chas W Ellis [illegible] [illegible] at the piano [illegible] [illegible] and "Billy" [illegible]
Christmas Service with special music. -

Jan - 53
29. At the morning service Mrs Bell read the following resignation

Feb. -
4. - Essex North [illegible] service for Rev J. Irving Bowler as pastor of First Church of Christ Bradford

8 – At a Church meeting following the morning service, Mr Bell's resignation was accepted with regret and he was wished Godspeed in his work in Maine.

Mr Henry Mason
Mr Robert Weatherbee
Mrs John B Benson

were elected to serve as and the Pastoral Supply Committee –
~~"Voted to~~ hold services in our Church during the Easter Season rather than go to Bedford for Palm Sunday and Easter

~~March~~

22 – Rev David Kerr of Gordon Divinity School preached the sermon and also conducted the Baptismal service for
Barbara Grace Frost daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Frost –

March 15

15. Church meeting held at which time the committee of Pastoral Supply reported, - Recommended that Rev Harry Grimes - minister emeritus of Central Church Newburyport act as interim pastor until we have a ~~repeat~~ permanent minister. - So voted.

Mr Bell announced that Rev David Kerr was willing to take care of our Easter Services. Voted to pay Mr Kerr $15 on Sundays and $10 for our Holy Thursday service.

In the afternoon a special Parent's Day service was held and at that time Bibles were presented to the children from the 4th grade through High School - Rev Ralph York of St Andrews spoke to the children - The work books of the Church School were expected by the parents. As this was the last time Mr and Mrs Bell were with us they were presented silver candle holders as a gift from the Church School and friends.

3-9 — ~~March~~

Palm Sunday - Rev Sam Keen was guest preacher with Miss Joan Lupp of Bradford as soloist

April 2 - Holy Thursday Communion service

April 5 -

Easter Sunday - April 5

A sunrise service was held at ~~Spring Hill~~ Jason's Hill with breakfast at the [illegible] under the sponsorship of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The morning service was well attended and Rev Keen was again our guest preacher with Miss Joan Lupp as soloist — Ronald Dow being [illegible] Rndl.

[illegible]

April 12 - A special service [illegible] [illegible] Walter [illegible] West [illegible]

30th

125th Annual Meeting of the Essex North Ass'n. was held on Thursday April 30th at Newbury Old Town Church. - There was an afternoon session at 4:00 and a banquet at 6:30. Mr + Mrs Henry Nason attended this and the evening session was attended by Mrs ~~Stan~~ Elbert Peal, Mrs Elsma Anderson, Mrs Helen Chadwick and Mrs Evelyn Leighton. Ronald Bridges President of the American Board gave the anniversary address which was most inspiring.

May -

13 Annual meeting Middle Conf of Churches at Hampton

24 - Union Memorial Service held in our church with First Church of Byfield - All service men were guests - ~~Rev~~ Dr Charles Atkins ~~started~~ delivered the morning address. There was special music -

June 14

14. Children's Sunday was observed in our church with the Church School conducting the service which was very well carried out - Gary Charles Fowler son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Fowler was baptized by Mr Monett Mr Grimes officiating -

July 5

Rev George Acheley - Executive Sec'y of the Greater Lawrence Council of Churches preached as a candidate -

A church meeting followed the morning service at which time the committee on man and supply reported and it was accepted. Rev Acheley asked to preach again - Voted ~~that~~ the church be closed during Aug

July 12 - Mr Merrill Emery of Merrima
preached as a candidate. He is
~~attending~~ starting the theological school this
fall and is under the care of
the association.
July 19. Rev George Ackerley was
again out at the church as candida
The soloist at the morning service
was from the Lawrence Street Cong Church
of Lawrence.
July 26 - Mr Emery preached
the second time as a candidate.
A church meeting was held
after the morning service at which
time it was voted to have more
candidates. Voted to send Mr
Alfred Mason and Mr Robert
Holt a letter of thanks for their
contribution to the church at ~~during~~
the time it was painted -

July 27 - Aug. 7.

A Vacation Bible school was again conducted under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs William Udall - from the Evangelistic Assn. of New England.

It was a very successful 2 weeks, and on Friday eve - Aug 7 a program was presented by the school, and their hand work was on exhibition in the vestry. -- Taking part in the service was Rev Homer Clark a former minister, who was visiting in Maine with his family.

Sept 6

Mr Merrill Emery preached at the morning service.

Sept 27

Mr William Towne a senior at Andover Newton preached as a candidate, ~~He~~

Oct 4.

Mr Towne returned to preach to us again. A Church meeting followed the morning service and there was a discussion held whether to have more candidates or vote. Rev Stanley Gould of South Cong. Church would listen to candidate but it was decided not to hear him. After more discussion ~~it was~~ decided to it was the opinion of the meeting ~~to vote or wait~~ and Mr Towne to take a vote & call Mr Towne –

Oct 12th was World Wide Communion but as we did not have an established minister the communion will be held later.

Oct 18.

The Fall meeting of the Essex North Assn was held with the Byfield Parish Church -

The Pastor and 2 delegates attended as well as 5 other members -

Mr and Mrs Howe were recognized by the meeting.

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Oct 25

~~Communion Service was~~ Communion Service was held - At a Church meeting it was voted to grant permission to Mr Howe to administer Communion and Baptism

Voted Mr Kelly was elected Chairman of Every Member Canvass

Voted to send letters as usual

Mr Horner announced that he would send out a monthly letter

Voted to leave the matter of Shades for Committee [illegible] of Deaconship

Nov 2.

The Executive Board met at the Parsonage ~~to outline the Every Member Canvass~~ to discuss the church budget and discuss the every member Canvass -

Nov 12.

The solicitors for Every member Canvass met at the Parsonage at which time they received their lists and went over the Canvass material in preparation for Loyalty Sunday.

Nov. 15

Loyalty Sunday was observed in Churches. Every member Canvass Conducted - A report was ma

Nov. 1. November meeting of Council of Churches – Mrs Moore and Mrs Mason attended.

~~the church letter~~ -

Nov. 25

A Thanksgiving Communion Service was held at the church and was well attended – Mrs Robert Weatherbee was soloist – It is hoped this will become a custom on Thanksgiving Eve.

~~Nov. 26~~

The Second Church united in a Union Thanksgiving Service with the First Church of Bedford – Mr Moore ~~was the morning~~ gave the ~~morning~~ sermon –

~~At~~ The first of April ~~our~~ Mrs Charles Fowler, our faithful organist resigned and since that time we have had ~~supply~~ different ones supplying

Mr Joseph Gill of Ballardvale
Mrs Judith Chadwick and
Mr Roy Thompson have
served us well and we
are especially grateful to Mrs
Edith Whittier for carrying on
at this time as she has been
doing organ since ~~June~~ Sept, with the
exception of one Sunday when
Mrs Fowler played. We
are in hopes to have a regular
organist the first of the year.

Dec 7 - 53   1953-54

The Annual meeting was held on the [illegible] [illegible] evening [illegible] [illegible]. The roll call was called with 23 [illegible] reporting.

The Report of the Clerk Treasurer and Auditor were read and accepted.

The following chairmanship reports, Parish Library. Mrs J. Mann Chairman for ~~the~~ [illegible] [illegible] Society

Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] Church School [illegible] P.T. and Mrs Royce Kelley, Chairman of [illegible] [illegible] Committee and ~~the~~ Mrs J. H. [illegible] [illegible] report

Mrs Ethel Church [illegible] [illegible] that Mrs Cathy [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] of Christ [illegible]

the 1st week of March are asked
for support.
Lighting & heating of the Church
[illegible] from fund!

New Business.

The Pastor suggested the ~~the~~
[illegible] of the Church & [illegible]
After a short discussion it was
voted that the Executive Board
consider the matter and report
at next business meeting.

Voted that the Pastor [illegible]
take care of the insurance on
church.

Voted that the name of
[illegible] Phelps [illegible] be returned
to the active membership list.

Voted the Rev. Thomas serve as
moderator for the coming year.

Election of Officers.
Clerk - [illegible]

Treasurer – Laura E Nelson
Auditor Louise D Peck
Pianist Anna K Mason
Cradle Roll Supt Henry W Mason
Treasurer of Emergency Fund Anna –
Royce B Kelley

The following elected to serve on Executive Board
Elizabeth Ross – P[illegible]
Henry L Cole – mem of Church
Ethel H Cole W of Church
The representatives from the Church School and Church Society to be elected at the ~~letter~~ ~~meeting of the [illegible]~~
[illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] elected [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of Church
Ruby E Ross – [illegible]
Ralph Kelley Ruth Mason
[illegible] [illegible] Emery [illegible]

ass'n of Christian [illegible],
delegate to [illegible] [illegible]
Mary [illegible])
The three following were
elected to the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Sec — Ann Blake
3rd Sec — Ruth Brown
R. F. — Beverly Hoffman
meeting adjourned at 9:15
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Dec 20 — Christmas [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] by Carlo [illegible]
and Beverly Hoffman —
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family [illegible]
Service
Dec 27 — at the morning service
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jan 3 1954

Mrs [illegible] Hull of West [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] School house on organ and Choir [illegible].

Jan 25

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - dau. of Mr and Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sept 7

[illegible] Sunday observed with the service being conducted by the members of Pilgrim Fellowship

Feb. 28

At a short church meeting the [illegible] announced the several young people were [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

might affect as she would
not be of age at the time.
[illegible] I think will be a
Doctor here for three months
your friend.
Frank

5. World day of Prayer program
at St John Episcopal [illegible] [illegible]

The Peace of the World

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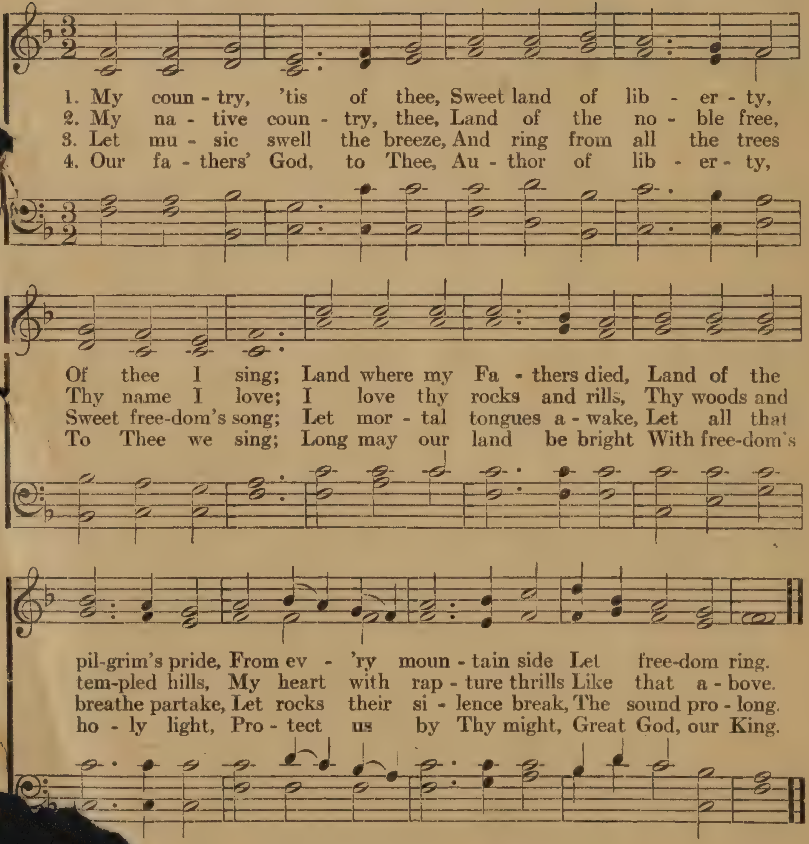
Civilization of the World goes forward just as the people progress themselves—each one of us to a higher conception of Humanity

Whatever our position in life, each one has a work to do, a duty to perform, a love to give, in order that greater achievements and greater happiness may come to all

Let us do our part and leave the rest to Almighty God

78 — America

Samuel F. Smith *Henry Carey*


1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
4. Our fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my Fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With free-dom's
pil-grim's pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain side Let free-dom ring.
tem-pled hills, My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe partake, Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light, Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

The Best Benefactor That Manhood Ever Had Among The Nations Of The World Is The United States Of America

THE splendor of its achievements reached the highest water-mark of all the centuries yesterday when the fighting of the four years' war ended and a mighty wave of equality, brotherhood and home government swept over the old world to deliver it from the old systems of government and rebuild the nations along new lines of thought and purpose, such as were wrought out long ago by the fathers of this republic as represented by the American flag.

In this national celebration hundreds of millions of people sat around the tables of victory which were communion tables of good will to the world with a song of all for each, and each for all in the rebuilding of the world.

(*Signed*) John Wanamaker

November 12, 1918

{*From the Writings of the Founder*}

Peace

Strife at last is ended,
Stilled the din of war;
Wearied men are resting,
Pledged to fight no more.

May this vow of friendship
Keep us all from ill—
"Peace on earth forever,
And to men good will."